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Appam Should Be Returned to Her Owners Under Treaty Provisions.

The gentlemen who I think are to be the recipients, for two, I have told you are double that of the Stanton, who latter glanced across the left the book is returned to the book." The returned to the clerk of the Duke, in an army officer at the committee the chairman of the following is reformed

Editor of The Washington Herald:

It seems from Article XIX of the Treaty of 1825, revised by the Treaty of 1855, as cited in Mr. Cranston's study, article on "Our Treaties with Prussia and Cases of the Appam and Frye," in The Herald of the 7th instant, that German prizes are allowed to enter and depart from our ports only when accompanied by the war vessels by which they are captured, and that when the captors depart with their prizes, it must be to a place expressed in their commissions, which the commanding officer of such vessel shall be obliged to show." The reason for this provision is suggested in Mr. Kennedy's citation of the fundamental requirements of the law of nations.

[States and placed \$5,371,440 in twelve "wet" States, as follows: Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Texas, Wisconsin and California.]

It is evident, therefore, that a vote by States, instead of expressing the will of the people might enable the minority to override the will of the majority. New York, with nearly 3,000,000 inhabitants, would be on an equal footing with North Dakota, which has less than 700,000 population.

Pennsylvania, with over 5,000,000 population, would have no more weight in the count than Arizona, which has less than 300,000 population.

In comparison of these facts it is

country to which the captor belongs before a regular condemnation can be awarded." He cites also that other rule that "prizes cannot be condemned nor title conferred by capture and seizure."

Our government should not so construe the policies of the prohibition leaders. They start work by claiming that "prohibition" is temperance. They contend

And this without reference to Mr. Kennedy's point that before the Appam put into Norfolk the treaty had been violated by Germany in the destruction of the

That our ports were opened to German prizes by the Treaty of 1828, reviving Article XIX of the Treaty of 1796 with Prussia, only when the prizes were

the plate printers' union or its representatives, refute and deny in toto, the statement recently made by Director Joseph E. Ralph, of the Bureau of En-

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whereas they please, the vessels and
effects taken from their enemies, with-
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of the customs or any others: nor shall
of Congress that he had been "villified and harassed" by the Plate Printers' Union. I am an employee of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and a member

under legal process, when they come to and enter the ports of the other party, but may freely be carried out again at any time by their carriers to the places

expressed in their commissions, which the commanding officer of such vessel shall be obliged to show." ample verification of that statement and fact. Or, enter a place where place print

Smith in mind, when, referring to the blowing up of the American ship, William P. Frye, with her cargo, in the open sea, by the Eitel Friedrich, he said:

Published if the Frye had been laden with cotton instead of wheat?"

"FREEDOM OF THE SEAS."

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solutely fair manner.

I ask any one interested in the subject to go through the new building of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Editor of The Washington Herald: Apropos of the very able and instructive paper of Mr. Crammond Kennedy published in the Herald of the 10th inst., I am glad to hear that you have been able to obtain these features of health and advancement for the people? Who has watched with care

the club room, and I am convinced that he is going to have on the present administration, it might just as well not have been written at all. All the effect of

The distinguished author was merely to instruct the good citizens of Washington upon the legal points involved, he might well have gone considerably further.

The rule of international law upon this subject, as laid down not only by unanimous consensus of the text writers, but by the highest judicial opinions of our own country, is, prior to the following, the

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safer and proper course is to dismiss. When the ship is neutral the act of destruction cannot be justified to the neutral owner by the importance of such service to the public interest of the country.

The writer stands ready, at any time, to cite volume and page, in text books and reports, to The Herald or any of its prints as well as the trade papers of Washington and Maryland." No! The question is not one concerning the undoubted abilities of Director Ralph, but

ated Capt. Russell
Third Cavalry,
is on duty that

Morgan. Twenty-	The German cruiser "Eitel Friederich" dodged into the port of Norfolk red-handed from the wanton, illegal, sinking	But several years have elapsed since there was the most widespread campaign and agitation against the power press by the Printers' Union. Officials here
Capt. Francis Le		

P. Frye. If, then, either of such strong American characters as Grover Cleveland or Theodore Roosevelt had been President, or Richard Olney or Elihu Root secretary of State, the business of the country would have been conducted with against their introduction. I added numbers to those already in use in the Bureau. What is the situation today? The power press is the "thin

power would have at once been laid upon this cruiser, and she would have been held by a marine guard—until reparation was made. Instead of this, she, not a hideous destroyer are more than can be filled. Incidentally, power-press printer make \$9 per diem, while motor-drive hand pressman make but \$6 per diem.

February 11: public vessel of a sovereign state, was
February 12: received with the obsequious "glad hand."
Yea! despite the rigid and despotic rule
laid down as to our own bare seamen
by the government, Longshore, Inc. "Goes
down."

some people are inclined to ask what these veterans have done to merit such consideration.

EDMUND BORROWS BRIGGS,
Hurry Up the Warships.
 Editor of The Washington Herald: It

our President's conversion to the creed of preparedness; and read, in The Washington Herald, his stirring speeches for support in this direction.

the naval militia; the Preston, to West. to duty with the discrepancy between the President's advocacy of a large navy, and his apparent apathy toward the construction of ships already authorized.

ly, there are sixty-seven ships authorized, including two super-Dreadnoughts authorized last year, toward the actual construction of which, no action has

Now, it seems quite reasonable to assume, that a sincere champion of preparedness would expedite the construction of ships already authorized, if it

own account, the callers for reft.

People Would Not Decide.
Editor of The Washington Herald: A syndicated article appearing in various

"The people who are working for prohibition are trying to get Congress to pass an amendment to the National Com-

As a matter of fact Congress cannot submit the amendment to a vote of the

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There are forty-eight States and the amendment to be adopted would have to have the legislative approval of thirty-six States. The census estimate for 1914 figured 37,743,324 population for the United States.